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Deputy Joan Collins
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Ref: PQ 50959/21

To ask the Minister for Health the stage of negotiations on the consultant contract; the number of vacant public consultant positions in the health service and if a breakdown of vacant public consultant positions will be provided.

Dear Deputy Collins

The parties to the consultant contract negotiations have agreed that no comment will be made during the negotiations therefore we are not in a position to providing any comment for inclusion in a response to the Deputy.

The data contained in this response is extracted from DIME (Doctors Integrated Management E-system) as at 04 May 2021. The cyber-attack in May 2021 has resulted in a significant data backlog and it is not yet possible to provide data after May 2021, until this backlog is cleared.

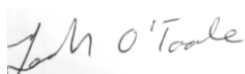
DIME is dependent on clinical sites inputting details on their Consultant workforce and therefore there may be variances and gaps in the data supplied to that held within clinical sites. As DIME is a live system it must be noted that there can be variances in the figures published dependent on the run date of the report as entries can be made with a retrospective date.

Table 1 provides the Hospital Group/CHO for the 331 vacant consultant posts detailed by Medical Discipline as of 04 May 2021. Although the posts are vacant it should be noted that recruitment for the post may be underway and in some cases appointments may have already been made with a prospective start date.

Table 1: Breakdown of Vacant Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC) approved consultant posts as of 04 May 2021		
Hospital Group/CHO	Medical Discipline	Vacant
BreastCheck	Pathology	1
	Radiology	3
	Surgery	1
BreastCheck Total		5
Children's Health Ireland	Anaesthesiology	3
	Emergency Medicine	1

	Intensive Care Medicine	1
	Medicine	3
	Paediatrics	8
	Pathology	5
	Radiology	3
	Surgery	3
Children's Health Ireland Total		27
CHO 1	Medicine	2
	Psychiatry	2
CHO 1 Total		4
CHO 2	Medicine	2
	Psychiatry	2
CHO 2 Total		4
CHO 3	Medicine	1
	Psychiatry	3
CHO 3 Total		4
CHO 4	Psychiatry	5
CHO 4 Total		5
CHO 6	Medicine	3
	Paediatrics	1
CHO 6 Total		4
CHO 7	Medicine	3
	Psychiatry	2
CHO 7 Total		5
CHO 8	Psychiatry	2
CHO 8 Total		2
	Psychiatry	4
CHO 9 Total		4
Dublin Midlands Hospitals Group	Anaesthesiology	5
	Intensive Care Medicine	1
	Medicine	20
	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	2
	Pathology	6
	Radiology	4
	Surgery	5
Dublin Midlands Hospitals Group Total		43
Ireland East Hospitals Group	Anaesthesiology	1
	Intensive Care Medicine	4
	Medicine	16
	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	3
	Paediatrics	4
	Pathology	1
	Radiology	3
	Surgery	7
Ireland East Hospitals Group Total		39

Mental Health Services	Psychiatry	5
Mental Health Services Total		5
	Medicine	1
N/a Total		1
RCSI Hospitals Group	Anaesthesiology	5
	Emergency Medicine	3
	Medicine	14
	Pathology	7
	Psychiatry	1
	Radiology	5
	Surgery	3
RCSI Hospitals Group Total		38
Saolta Hospitals Group	Anaesthesiology	4
	Emergency Medicine	5
	Medicine	27
	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	1
	Paediatrics	3
	Pathology	5
	Radiology	3
	Surgery	6
Saolta Hospitals Group Total		54
South / South West Hospitals Group	Anaesthesiology	2
	Medicine	29
	Obstetrics & Gynaecology	3
	Paediatrics	4
	Pathology	14
	Radiology	7
	Surgery	3
South / South West Hospitals Group Total		62
University of Limerick Hospitals Group	Anaesthesiology	2
	Medicine	15
	Paediatrics	3
	Pathology	1
	Radiology	4
University of Limerick Hospitals Group Total		25
Total number of consultant vacant posts as of 04 May 2021		331



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